Fall in the sex ratio

1804. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the falling sex ratio in the country, the deficit of women in population was 3 million in 1991 and 36 million now; and

(b) whether Government would evolve a uniform policy for the States to implement laws against sex determination and dowry and also to protect the girl child from discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The sex ratio in the country was 927 females per thousand males as per the Census, 1991. The absolute numbers were: 403 million females compared to 435 million males. According to Census, 2001, the sex ratio has gone up to 933 females per thousand males. The absolute numbers being: 496 million females compared to 532 million males.

(b) The Government has adopted the National Policy for the Empowerment of Women, 2001 which envisages strict enforcement of laws against pre-natal sex selection and elimination of all forms of discrimination against the girl child and violation of her rights by undertaking strong measures, both preventive and punitive within and outside the family. The Policy also lays emphasis on creating and strengtheing institutions, mechanisms and suitable schemes for assistance for preventing violence against women, including violence arising out of customs like dowry.

Promotion of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

† 1805. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRANA RAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether promotion orders in respect of the promoted principals/ teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, since year 2000 upto now, are being cancelled and they are being reverted back to their earlier posts;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.